



January Newsletter

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**TCA
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School**

Anti-Bullying Week of January

In observance of Anti-Bullying Week this month, teachers at TCA Arshag Dickranian School discussed the topic of bullying with their students throughout the week. During this week, all students wore yellow ribbons and practiced being courteous towards each other.

which were hung on the classroom window to allow other students to read them and learn from them. Ms. Violet also guided the students on how to deal with these kinds of situations.

Salpi Maghakian, who both hold post-graduate degrees in psychology, held a workshop with ADS students at the Walter & Laurel Karabian Hall. Ms. Zara Miduryan and Ms. Salpi Maghakian talked about the issue of bullying, defining its different types and how students should handle situations in which they feel bullied. Our students found the seminar very educational and useful since it provided them with social skills they can implement in every day life.

“Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one’s definition of your life, but define yourself.”
~ Harvey S. Firestone



Third grade teacher Ms. Violet Tatoian, involved her students in a fun yet educational activity of writing a poem collaboratively about how a bullying victim might feel. After composing it, the students wrote it on cardboards

The school administration has always been aware of the issue of bullying as a phenomenon that can occur anywhere and in order to bring it to students’ awareness, the school organized a seminar about it in November 2012, where Ms. Zara Miduryan and Ms.

11th Graders Learn All About Acids & Bases

This month, the 11th graders did an experiment to discover all about acids and bases both inside their bodies and in commonly used everyday items. As the students progressed through this series of three large, linked experiments, they will come to understand what happens at an atomic level in their blood, stomach and skin. They also learned how the indicator they prepared from red cabbage, containing an unusual chemical group known as "anthocyanins", worked and

how this specific chemical is likely to be used in future alternative energy and communications technologies.

Anthocyanins are Nature's own pH indicators and can be reverse engineered to produce flexible dye-sensitized solar panels, wearable computer screens and power packs that will probably be worn as integrated clothing by the time they take their own children skiing or hiking."



Visitors

Fr. Mardiros Chevian Visits TCA Arshag Dickranian School

On January 18, Fr. Mardiros Chevian, who serves at St. Nersess Seminary in New York, visited Arshag Dickranian School where he met with the senior students and talk to them on how they can pursue a career at the church. The students found this a useful seminar on how they can serve the Armenian church.



Announcements

Vartanants Day

Vartanants Day is around the corner and the school will be celebrating the holiday on Thursday February 7 at The Walter & Laurel Karabian Hall at 2:30pm. The school will be closed on Friday, February 8th in observance of this historic day.

Teacher-Parent Conference

The teacher-parent conference will be on February 15 from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Presidents' Day February 18

The school will be closed on February 18 in observance of Presidents' Day. Have a happy holiday!!

Science Fair

Elementary school science fair will be on Feb. 22 and high school science fair will be on February 25.

Education Corner

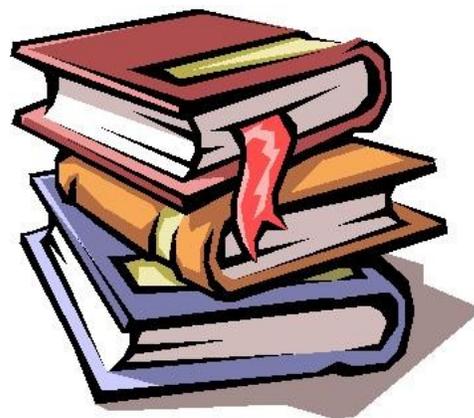
New Course: Environmental Engineering

Starting next semester, 11th graders will start taking the course Environmental Engineering which will be taught by Mr. Iain Tyson. The students will have concluded the Sports Medicine course this semester. Thank you to Mr. Nick Estrada for educating our students in Sports Medicine

and good luck to our students with their new course! Enjoy!

Mid Terms and Report Cards

Mid-term tests took place on the week of the 21st, which went smoothly. Report cards of the semester will be sent during the 1st week of February.



Sports Section

Table Tennis Tournament

On Saturday, January 26, the table tennis team of TCA Arshag Dickranian school participated in the 29th Annual KAHAM Games 2013, which took place at the Homenetman Glendale "Ararat" Chapter Center. The school's team is composed of boys and girls from the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. Sixth graders Tereza

Arutunyan and Sylvia Mkryan won 3rd place in girls' section and 7th grader Mark Antossian won 3rd place in boys' section. Congratulations for winning; we are very proud of you!!



CIF Basketball Tournament Comes to End

The CIF basketball tournaments came to an end on February 5th, 2013. Our basketball team, known as The Dickranian Lions, played rigorously against other participating schools throughout the tournament. The Dickranian Lions won the last game against Summit V.W. by an impressive point of 61 versus 25 points, proving once again to be a difficult team to play against. Congratulations to The Dickranian Lions for their victory! We wish them good luck in other games and tournaments!

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Upcoming KAHAM Games Schedule

Basketball

February 9 and 23

March 2, 9 and 10

March 18 - KAHAM Closing Ceremonies

Soccer

February 10, 18 and 24

March 3 and 10

March 18 - KAHAM Closing Ceremonies

Elementary Students Play Against Neighboring Episcopal School

TCA Arshag Dickranian School's elementary students participated in a basketball game against the school's neighboring Episcopal School. The game took place on our school grounds. The competition was fierce between both teams as students from both schools have been trained well and are skillful at the game which led to an even score. This game was an opportunity for our students to practice and test their skills in preparation for upcoming matches and games.

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**** Safety ****

Police officers have been continuing to visit our school daily, at least once a day. Although we have a small school with strong bonds among us, these visits have given everyone a sense of safety and reassurance. Thank you to the officers who stop by every day to make sure everything is in order!